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## DEATH SWEEPS THROUGH THEATER

TAKING THE LIVES OF NEARLY SIX HUNDRED PEOPLE.

The Most Awful Holocaust in the History of Theater Fires.

HEARTRENDING SCENES OF DEATH.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Fire was discovered this afternoon in the Iroquois theater in the middle of the performance of "Mr. Bluebeard," which resulted in the death of about 550 persons. The flames spread so rapidly that amusement soon turned into the worst holocaust of modern times.

The Iroquois was only recently opened and was the most magnificent theater in the city. It was modeled after the Opera Comique of Paris. The fire presumably originated in the electrical display. Instantly the drapery and stage settings were a great mass of flames, sweeping the roof. The actors and actresses rushed out wildly. There was a panic among the audience for the front doors. Soon the entire interior of the theater was in flames, and smoke was issuing in vast clouds from the main entrance.

Hundreds of men and women escaped fearfully burned, and were taken to neighboring streets until they were completely filled. Although the fire started on the stage, there was apparently less chance for those in the audience to escape, many rushing out through the flames, while others were overcome by smoke, or trampled down in the panic. Those in the upper part of the house had little chance. Most of the bodies recovered are unrecognizable. Those who jumped from the third story were killed.

About all the actors are accounted for. A number of chorus girls are still missing. Manager Davis insists that the cry of fire created the panic.

The firemen at found the head of the stairs to the balcony large crowds piled eight feet deep and so tangled that the police and firemen had to drag them out by force. Thompson's restaurant, near the theater, has fifty dead bodies, mostly those of young women under twenty years of age, and children.

The loss of life was the greatest at the foot of the stairs leading from the upper balcony. There the dead bodies were over twelve feet deep, while they lay five feet deep in the balcony. The number of dead in actual count by Coroner Trotter is 550. It is impossible to estimate the number of those burned.

There were special calls for police, a general fire alarm given and an extraordinary number of engines and officers. Those escaping from the balcony were rescued by firemen raising ladders to the upper exit, thus saving those there imprisoned. Many children were carried down by fireman, who continued to work as long as the ladders could stand. Many were injured by jumping, and some were killed.

From the very first cry of fire, panic-stricken and it was impossible to control the panic-stricken crowd, which piled on top of one another around the exits and blocked all means of escape. Those in the balcony seemed to realize from the start that hope had been cut off from them, and they fought like wild beasts. During the progress of the fire efforts were made to rescue only the living, and the dead bodies were trampled over like blocks on the streets.

Hundreds of persons were burned to death and many were suffocated by gas, while many others were trampled to death. The chorus girls fled screaming when the audience became panic-stricken. The fire could not have been checked because the asbestos curtain failed to work. As soon as the fire was discovered an attempt was made to drop the curtain, which sank half way down. The fire was then given a free way with a tremendous draught, and aided by the doors, which had been thrown open, with a roar the flames shot through the opening under the curtain and over the heads of the people on the first floor, reaching clear to the balcony, where hundreds were roasted in their seats.

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## MRS. EDWARD'S DREAM.

Held a Prophecy Regarding Her Grandson, Aaron Burr, Which Came True.

An old newspaper clipping has recently been found hidden in the lining of a sofa in a house at Stockbridge, which is of interest at this time, when so much attention is being given to Jonathan Edwards and his place in history. The clipping is headed, "A prophetic dream," and is as follows:

In the "Diary and Letters of Sarah Pierpont," who married Jonathan Edwards, the famous theologian, now published in "Hours at Home," occurs the following letter, describing a singularly prophetic dream relative to the celebrated Aaron Burr, who was a grandson of Mrs. Edwards.

STOCKBRIDGE, May 10, 1756.